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REFTEL TALKING POINTS APPROVED. PARAGRAPH B MAKES CLEAR THAT IT WILL BE THREE POWERS AND NOT FRG WHICH WILL HAVE TO TAKE POLITICAL HEAT WHEN ANY BERLIN PROPOSAL IS TURNED DOWN. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE BUT PRESUMABLY INEVITABLE IN VIEW FRG INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS MAKE POLITICAL TURN-DOWN DECISION ON ITS OWN, AND IF TURNDOWNS MADE ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, HEAT WILL HOPEFULLY BE SUSTAINABLE. WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE YOUR READING OF LIKELIHOOD GETTING FRG TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANY NEGATIVE BERLIN DECISION IN SENSE OF TAKING POSITION THAT DECISION WAS ARRIVED AT AFTER FULL CONSULTATION AMONG ALL FOUR POWERS AND ALL FOUR THEREFORE STAND BEHIND IT.

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